GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Identification of Places for Development of Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified certain sites in the country for their development for promotion of tourism in such areas;
(b) if so, the details of the places identified, State/UT-wise particularly district-wise details of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh along with the process/criteria adopted for selection of such places;
(c) the other steps taken by the Government for the development of these places; and
(d) the details of the central assistance provided in this regard, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two new schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit. Under PRASAD scheme also thirteen cities/sites have been identified for development namely: Amritsar, Ajmer, Kedarnath, Dwaraka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Kamakhya, Puri, Amaravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni and Patna.

(b) and (c): The Ministry of Tourism identifies tourism circuits/sites for infrastructural development in the country in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

(d): The details of projects sanctioned to the various State Governments/Union Territories under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes since its launch are annexed.

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